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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MASS, KU  
SUBJ: M109A1B HOWITZER PACKAGE - KUWAIT

1. FMS CASE UEW FOR 155MM SP HOWITZERS UNDER ACTIVE REVIEW  
AUGUST 31 BY MOD/ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF. SIGNATURE  
EXPECTED IMMINENTLY. BECAUSE OF FRIDAY HOLIDAY AND POSSIBLE  
BEGINNING OF IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS FEAST OF ID-AL-FITR ON SATURDAY,  
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SIGNED CASE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR A  
FEW DAYS UNTIL AFTER HOLIDAYS. I HAVE THEREFORE ASKED MAJOR  
KIMBALL, WHO HAND-DELIVERED CASE, TO REMAIN UNTIL SIGNED  
CASE IS RECEIVED SO THAT HE MAY CARRY IT BACK TO WASHINGTON.

2. TIME ALLOWED KUWAITI MOD AUTHORITIES TO REVIEW CASE WAS  
LIMITED TO THE EXTREME BY AUGUST 31 DEADLINE. CASE WAS  
ACTUALLY NOT DELIEVERED TO MINISTRY OFFICE UNTIL 27 AUG, A DAY  
WHEN MINISTER UNFORTUNATELY WAS ABSENT ATTENDING ALL-DAY  
COUNCIL OF MINISTER'S MEETING. GIVEN NORMAL TEDIOUS GOK  
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES PLUS UNFORTUNATE INADVERTENT DELAY IN  
FORWARDING CASE TO CHIEF OF STATE FOR REVIEW BY THE  
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ARTILLERY COMMITTEE UNTIL AUG 30, RESULTED IN THIS LAST  
MINUTE REVIEW ACTIVITY.

3. GOK CLEARLY WISHES TO PURCHASE THESE HOWITZERS AND SHOULD  
ENCOUNTER NO PROBLEM WITH TERMS OF CASE UEW. I AM CONFIDENT THAT  
COURIER WILL BE ABLE TO DELIVER SIGNED CASE TO WASHINGTON  
AFTER LABOR DAY WEEKEND.

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